

# Reedsburg Police Department

## Annual Report



2007

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Chief of Police

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# Staff...

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Sergeant Garry Zellmer	B Shift Commander	107
Sergeant Thomas Peters	A Shift Commander	110
Sergeant Glenn Rehberg	C Shift Commander	121
Detective Andrew Stelter	Investigations	127
Officer Bernard Jernander	Patrol	103
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	Patrol	112
Officer Darrin Frye	School Resource Officer	115
Officer John Trago	Patrol	117
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Andrew Foesch	K9/ Patrol	126
Officer Patrick Cummings	Patrol	128
Officer Richard Wolf	Patrol	129
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Geffert	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
<b>Communications:</b>		
Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Zachary Hoege	Operator	517
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dorine Helm	Operator	522
Kimberly Higgins	Operator	523
Erik Knoll	Operator	513
Edward Pohlman III	Operator	519

# A Message from the Chief...

Honorable John Deitrich,  
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg  
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2007 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2007 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress through the past year. 2007 was my first full year as Chief of Police and as an organization we have completed some very important projects.

The police department has implemented a new, upgraded Records Management System that allows us to perform our required reporting with more ease and efficiency. This project was incredibly complex as it also needed to be fully integrated with the newly - formed Municipal Court. Being able to provide an interface from the police department records to the court records was one of the reasons why the court was able to operate in its first year without a deficit.

The department also completed a complete re-write of the policy and procedure manual. The policies of the Reedsburg Police Department are now fully compliant with national accreditation standards. This is the most important and vital portion of achieving accreditation, should the department choose to pursue that standard.

The department also placed several less-lethal electronic control devices (Taser) into duty. These devices have dramatically reduced suspect and officer injuries related to violent and resistive confrontations.

The department also investigated several high-profile crimes during 2007. These included a very violent sexual assault, business burglaries, property damage and thefts. These investigations have stretched the department's resources to their limits. In a direct reflection of how dedicated and professional the staff of the Reedsburg Police Department is, we have achieved a 2007 clearance rate of 66.5% as compared to the State of Wisconsin average of 25%.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2007 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Chief Timothy M. Becker

# The Year in Review...

There were many issues that befell the Reedsburg Police Department in 2006, these are a sampling:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2006) 44.1% to (2007) 66.5%
- Calls for Service rose from (2006) 9445 to (2007) 11,190
- Total activity rose 11.85%
- Adult and Juvenile arrests rose 6.43%
- Traffic complaints/citations rose 20.21%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 109 drunk drivers.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual assaults (15/15) and physical assaults (37/37).

# Calls by Shift...

CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE

## A – Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Tom Peters. Sgt. Peters oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 3,980 calls for service.

## B-Shift:



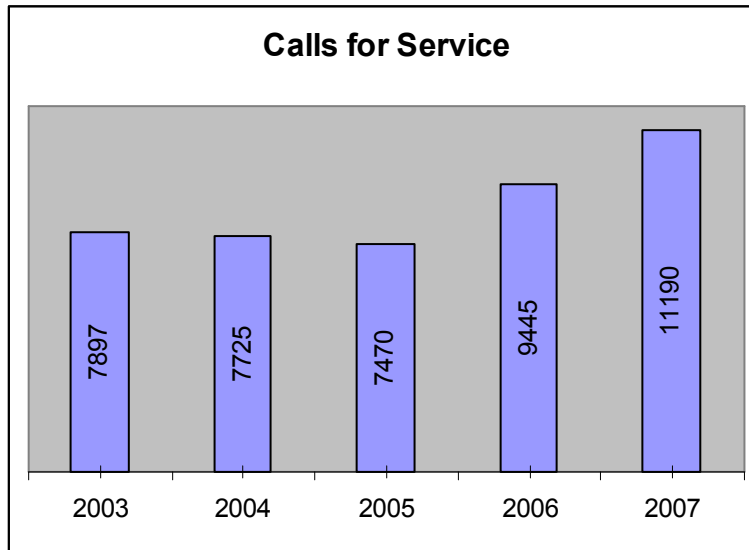
B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Garry Zellmer commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Zellmer is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 4,604 calls for service in 2007.

## C-Shift:

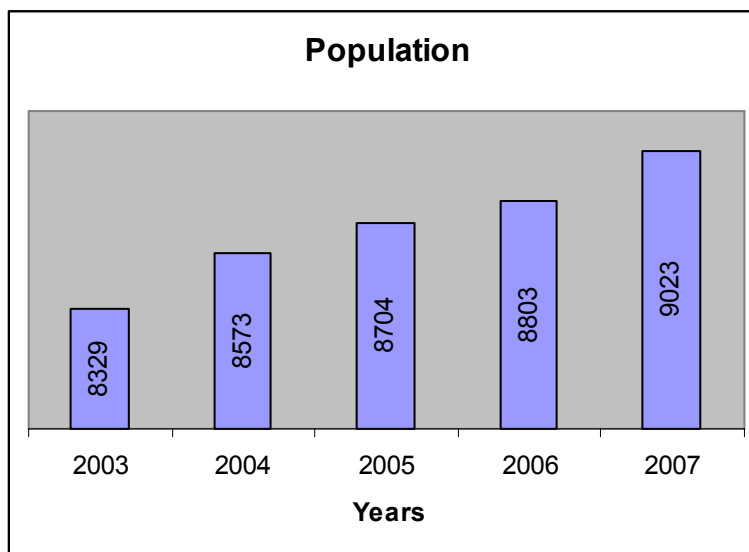


Sgt. Glenn Rehberg commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Rehberg performs functions such as tavern checks and business checks. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Rehberg supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift which includes the K9 Unit. C-Shift responded to 2,606 calls for service.

# Calls for Service...

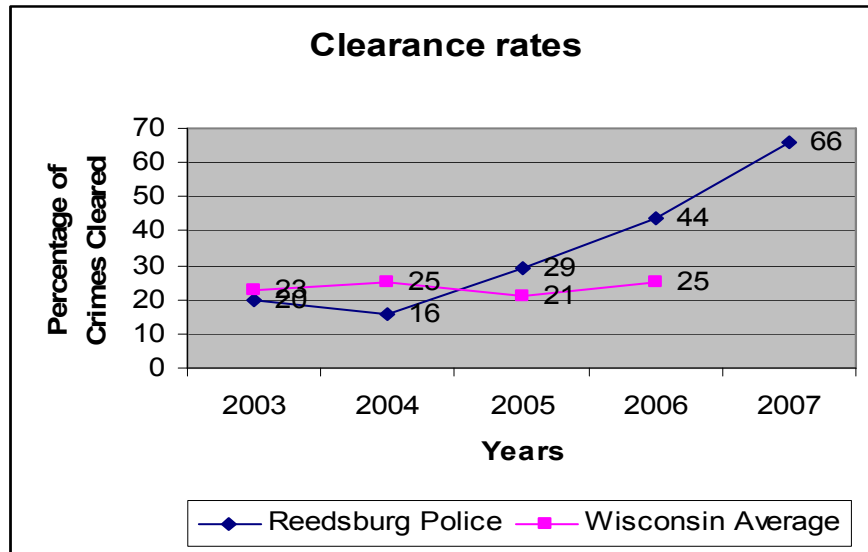


The Police Department realized an increase in calls for service from 2006 to 2007. In 2006 calls for service averaged 555 per sworn position. In 2007 the calls for service averaged 621 calls per sworn position.



Demands for service, quite naturally, follow population rates. The higher the population the larger the call loads. This was very evident in 2007 as the Department averaged 1.3 calls per capita. In addition to the number of calls increasing, the seriousness of calls is also increasing. This requires officers spending more time and support to dispose of these calls.

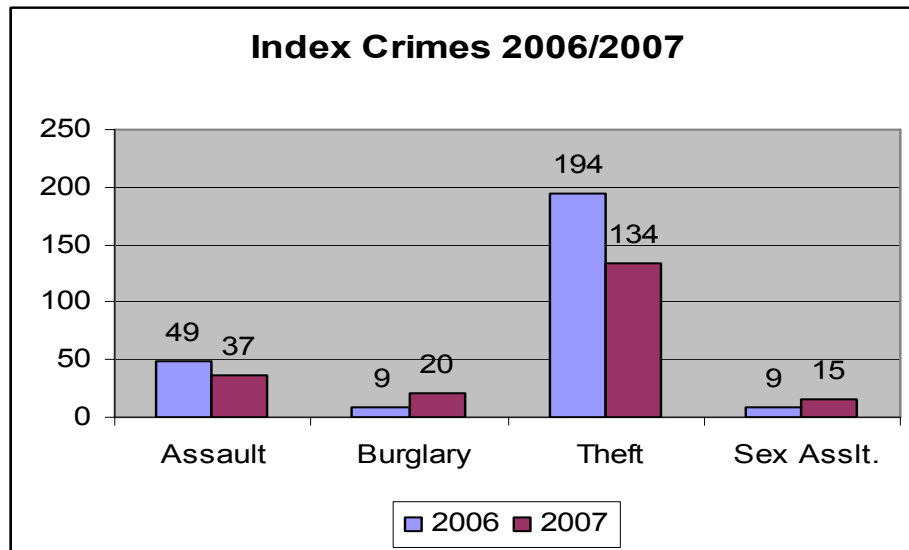
# Clearance Rates...



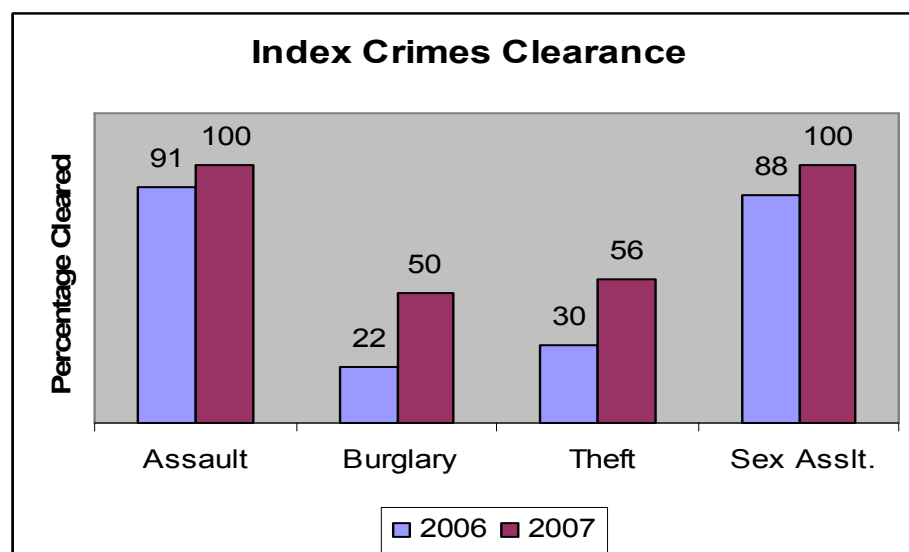
It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is beginning to consistently outpace the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. Although it is typically the job of the Detective Bureau to complete follow-up investigations and clear crimes, in Reedsburg, we have only one Detective and much of the follow-up is left up to call-taking patrol officers. As the Department gets busier, it is more difficult to require patrol officers to complete follow-up as they are constantly fielding requests for immediate service. In an effort to maintain or increase clearance rates, the Department has added an additional investigator.



# Index Crimes...



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in all categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



# Crime and Arrests...



Arrests and Apprehensions	Year to Date 2007	Year to Date 2006	% Change 06 to 07
<b>ADULT</b>			
Burglary	11	3	266.67%
<b>Narcotics</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-38.67%</b>
Theft	74	29	164.29%
Criminal Damage	17	19	-10.53%
Weapons Violations	6	2	200%
<b>Battery</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38.89%</b>
Warrants	183	176	5.17%
Disorderly Conduct	142	165	-13.95%
<b>Liquor Law Violation</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>-16.49%</b>
Obstructing an Officer	46	38	21.05%
Worthless Checks	469	526	-12.17%
Trespass	8	3	166.67%
Miscellaneous	96	86	11.63%
<b>TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>-5.16%</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>			
Recovered Runaway	92	54	70.37%
Curfew Violations	89	23	286.96%
Theft	32	17	88.24%
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-12.50%</b>
Truancy	114	65	75.38%
Smoking Violation	24	36	-33.33%
Vandalism	13	13	0.00%
Weapons Violations	1	1	0.00%
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>92.31%</b>
Trespassing	2	3	-33.33%
Obstructing an Officer	1	4	-75%
Narcotics	7	10	-30.00%
Burglary	5	7	-28.57%
<b>Battery</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25%</b>
Miscellaneous	23	19	21.05%
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>325</b>	
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>1603</b>	<b>6.43%</b>

# Statistics...

## Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
02-02-07	6:54am	Battery to LE, Bail jumping D/C/Resisting Arrest	Pepper Spray	Yes
05-19-07	12:44am	Battery to LE, OWI, and CCW/Resisting Arrest	Pepper Spray	Yes
05-22-07	9:56pm	OWI/Resisting Arrest/CDTP	Taser	Yes
06-23-07	7:00am	Warrant, Probation Hold, Resisting Arrest	Taser	Yes
08-02-07	5:15pm	Resisting Arrest/Assist SASO/Narcotics	Taser	No
09-01-07	5:02am	Disorderly Conduct - DV/Resisting Arrest	Taser	Yes
09-13-07	2:23am	OWI/Resisting Arrest/DC	Taser	Yes
10-14-07	2:36am	OWI 5th/Resisting/Hit & Run	Taser	Yes
12-31-07	9:12pm	DC/Resisting Arrest/Mental Commitment	Pepper Spray	Yes

## Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 355 times in 2007, which is up from 351 in 2006. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

## Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department participated in three Wisconsin traffic programs in 2007. These programs concentrated on OWI and Seatbelt violations. Traffic incidents rose by 20% which is directly responsible for an overall decrease in injury motor vehicle accidents by 6%. Although traffic is often looked at negatively, you cannot argue the results of increased safety and decreased personal injury. This is an area that we still need to be concentrated on in 2007.